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Title: Oppose MAPS Mandate
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, there is no question that prescription drug and opiate abuse is a critical issue in the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, Michigan Senators Tonya Schuitmaker and Margaret O’Brien introduced a four-bill package (Senate Bills 769, 770, 771, and 772) on February 9, 2016, that would require doctors to check the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) before prescribing medications to new patients, and

Whereas, under Senate Bill 770, failure to consult MAPS prior to the prescription being finalized would require the completion of remedial continuing medical education by a physician found to be in violation, and

Whereas, this legislative package would increase penalties for physicians who overprescribe specified controlled substances by taking the current misdemeanor penalty which is punishable by two years and increasing the penalty to a felony, punishable by up to 15 years in prison¹, and

Whereas, the existing MAPS can be inefficient and time consuming to navigate, and

Whereas, many physicians are currently overburdened with regulations, electronic record inefficiency, coding and billing challenges, etc., and may have limited additional time to spend checking MAPS for patients when there is not a concern for drug abuse or illegal activity, and

Whereas, Senate Bill 769 provides exceptions for emergency rooms, hospices, and licensed hospital oncology departments; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS opposes mandatory Michigan Automated Prescription System checking by physicians absent clinical suspicion of substance abuse or nefarious intent.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ <http://www.mirsnews.com/bills/details/31537>